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H.B. No. 1027

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notice of self-help resources on the Internet website of a state court and in the court building.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 51, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 51.808 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.808. NOTICE OF SELF-HELP RESOURCES. (a) The clerk of each court in this state shall:

(1) post on the court's Internet website a link to:

(A) the self-help resources Internet website of the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System;

(B) the Lawyer Referral and Information Service of the State Bar of Texas;

(C) any local lawyer referral service serving the county in which the court is located; and

(D) the Internet website and contact information of any legal aid or pro bono organization that provides free legal services to indigent persons in the county in which the court is located; and

(2) conspicuously display in the building in which the court is located, at a location frequently accessed by the public, a sign with the information described in Subdivision (1).

(b) The Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System shall prescribe the format for the information required

1 under Subsection (a).

2 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
3 of this Act, the Office of Court Administration of the Texas
4 Judicial System shall prescribe the format of the information
5 required under Section 51.808, Government Code, as added by this
6 Act.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.